

SAYS NEW YORK GETS FULL SHARE OF COAL

Woodin as Witness in Magistrate's Court Reviews the Situation.

\$10,000,000 IS INTACT

Crisis Which Legislature Foresaw Now Passed and Money Is Not Needed.

PROFITEERING STOPPED

Fuel Chief Takes No Responsibility for Appointment of Samuel J. Drummond.

William H. Woodin, State Fuel Administrator, disclosed interesting facts concerning coal conditions, local, State and national, when he appeared voluntarily yesterday in the Flatbush Magistrate's Court and testified under oath.

His appearance was at the request of Loring M. Black, Jr., Representative-elect, who is attorney for a Brooklyn property owner accused of failing to supply heat and hot water to his tenants.

The fuel chief said this State enjoys its full 60 per cent. quota of last year's anthracite supply and that virtually every municipality and community had been receiving its just allotment.

The \$10,000,000 revolving fund appropriated by the Legislature last September for emergency use at the discretion of the Fuel Administration remains practically intact, said Mr. Woodin, "because the crisis which impelled its authorization has passed."

"If I had \$40,000,000," he went on, "I couldn't obtain more coal for the State than it has right now."

Hard Coal 40 Per Cent. Short.

Mr. Woodin emphasized that throughout the United States there is a 40 per cent. shortage of anthracite. Its distribution, speaking nationally, is primarily in the hands of the Operators Anthracite Commission, appointed by the Senate of Pennsylvania. That body wields far greater power in the original apportionment of the coal than any State Administration.

"My instructions," said Mr. Woodin, "have been for the local administrators to obtain as much coal as possible and employ every possible means to persuade consumers that the partial use of domestic anthracite substitutes is and will continue to be absolutely necessary."

In answer to a question, Mr. Woodin said the amount of coal in dealers' yards is uncertain.

Samuel J. Drummond, Deputy Administrator for Brooklyn and Queens, who has been much criticized, was in court, but was not called to testify. Of Mr. Drummond's capabilities, Mr. Woodin said he had little personal knowledge, nor did he know that Mr. Drummond was secretary of the Brooklyn Coal Exchange. Mr. Woodin said it is an appointment of Mr. Learoyd, who receives instructions from the State Administrator and, in turn, passes them on to his district officials. Mr. Woodin said Mr. Learoyd was chosen city administrator because of his proved ability.

"Why is it that coal depots for sales to small consumers were not established until recently?" asked Mr. Black. Mr. Woodin explained that the hitherto mild winter had postponed the necessity for them.

Little Profiteering in City.

Regarding prices, the examiner asked to know why maximum prices for anthracite at retail had not been fixed. The witness said it was thought that the establishing of a maximum price would tend to bring all prices up to that level, whereas, because wholesalers have to pay varying prices for their stocks, a retail charge which might be fair for one might be exorbitant for another.

"What is a fair profit on a ton of coal?" asked Mr. Black.

"Three dollars and a half a ton, including all overhead expenses."

"Are dealers asking exorbitant prices?"

"Yes, a few are, but the results of an investigation disclosed surprisingly satisfactory conditions in that respect. Those found profiteering are called to the attention of the District Attorney. But our job primarily is to get and apportion coal, not to become involved in litigation. The city is remarkably clean so far as profiteering is concerned."

"Is it possible for one locality to obtain more coal than another by offering higher prices?"

"Possible, yes; but that is infrequent, because the towns and cities watch each other too closely."

State Avoiding Going In Business.

"What amount of coal has Brooklyn had?"

"I do not know exactly, but the borough is getting its 60 per cent. quota."

"Why not use the \$10,000,000 fund for buying coal from England, Wales or elsewhere abroad?"

"We do not want the State to go into the coal business. That would only intensify competition and raise prices. Furthermore, Welsh coal has been brought here and was found to be unsalable."

Mr. Woodin testified that he was negotiating for additional coal, the source of which he would not disclose lest it spoil his chances. He doubted whether Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, would have authority to fix national coal prices, and he said he never had been told that a certain New York anthracite dealer had contributed to the support of the miners while they were on strike.

Emile W. Kahn, Mr. Woodin's executive assistant, denied that Rubel Broas, of East New York, had immense quantities of coal which he held at high prices. He testified that this firm had bought considerable quantities of "independent" coal, the price of which had not been fixed at the mine fields.

Magistrate Elipierin adjourned the hearing.

LOADED COAL BARGE SINKS.

The barge Mary Munk, loaded with soft coal, was seen drifting partly submerged in the East River off Lawrence Point yesterday. Marine police were notified, but before they had a chance to catch the barge it sank off Sunken Meadows Light.

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TAFFY TAKES NINE LIVES BELONGING TO SHIP'S CAT

Poet of Bermuda Liner Goes Into Metrical Spasms Over the Tragedy and Skipper Puts Him in Irons.

Poseidon and his mate, Amphitrite, who still may be on the job of looking after deep sea happenings, might have summoned the Nine Muses the other night to celebrate Cap, mouse and mascot of the Furness-Bermuda liner Fort Hamilton, in yesterday from Bermuda, in nine metrical spasms, one for each feline life.

Cap was two years with the liner and Bermuda seagoers knew him as a lover of sweets and often tempted his palato.

On Wednesday night Cap was left alone in the room of the ship's skipper, Capt. Albert R. Francis, while he was

doing his trick on the bridge and discovered some British taffy. He started to eat it and had trouble, his claws and teeth getting so badly entangled in the mess that he is supposed to have adumbrated to the herculean task of unchaining himself.

Anyhow, when the skipper reached the room Cap was dead and still taffy bound. He was properly buried at sea. The ship's poet, one of several on the Furness-Bermuda liners, offered to the surviving skipper as a sequel: Cap, mascot of our gallant ship, Gave up his nine ghosts on this trip Because his tooth was supersweet, And now no longer may we greet Our ship as catboat of the fleet! Our poet was put in chains.

SAYS \$28.50 COAL COST ONLY \$3.50 AT THE MINE

Dealer's Testimony Evoked in Douglas Barnes Case.

Joseph J. Weinhandler, formerly secretary and treasurer of the Douglas Barnes Corporation, coal dealers, of 673 Fifth avenue, will go on the stand today in General Sessions to testify against his former partner, Douglas Barnes, who is being tried on a charge of grand larceny in the first degree.

The indictment against Barnes alleges that on August 16, 1920, he got \$27,114 from the National Bank of Commerce account of the Comptoir des Consommateurs du Brail et Produits Industriels, French coal dealers, as payment for 4,000 tons of anthracite, but when what was shipped to the French concern was No. 2 buckwheat.

William R. Coyle of Weston, Dodson & Co., coal dealers, testified yesterday that buckwheat at the time was selling at the mines for \$2.50 to \$3.50 a ton, although the French concern is alleged to have paid \$28.50 a ton.

COAL BIDS SENT TO CITY GIVE NO HINT OF FAMINE

Board of Purchase Gets Tenders for Supplies.

Bids for supplying coal to various city departments from January 1 to March 31, 1923, were received yesterday by the Board of Purchase. Though the quotations reflected market conditions, the number of competitive bids received for furnishing large quantities of anthracite and bituminous, by no means suggested a famine.

The coal to be delivered to Bellevue and allied hospitals and to the city departments of Correction, Health, Plant and Structures, Street Cleaning, Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, Public Welfare, Parks, Police and Fire.

Bids for coal laid down at various locations in Manhattan included the following:

"Penn Fuel Company—No. 1 buckwheat, 150 tons at \$9.75; No. 2 buckwheat, 2,030 tons at \$6.97; No. 3 buckwheat, 560 tons at \$5.95; pea coal, 634 tons at \$12.25; domestic sizes, where no substitutes will be allowed, 86 tons at \$14.25.

"A. C. Gibson—Mixed coal, No. 2 buckwheat and soft, 5,000 tons at \$7.11; "Evening Valley Coal Company—No. 1 buckwheat, 150 tons at \$10.38; No. 2 buckwheat, 2,030 tons at \$8.98; No. 3 buckwheat, 560 tons at \$7.98; soft coal, run of mine, 715 tons at \$12.43; mixed, 3,000 tons at \$10.23; screened soft coal, 6,606 tons at \$13.54.

"V. H. Youngman & Co.—No. 2 buckwheat, 2,030 tons at \$6.70; No. 3 Buckwheat, 560 tons at \$5.90; mixed coal, 3,000 tons at \$8.10."

Other bids were for truck deliveries to points in the other boroughs and also for barge delivery.

CHILD DIES OF BURNS.

Brother and Sister in Room Too Scared to Scream.

The dress of Catherine Rockett, 4, of 109 Montgomery street, Jersey City, caught fire yesterday while she was playing with matches and while her mother and father were away. Her brother, 6, and her sister, 8, were playing in the same room, but when they saw the little girl enveloped in flames they were too shocked to cry or call for help. Two firemen who were passing put out the flames, but the child died two hours later in City Hospital. The other children were not burned.

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A Short History of the World—by H. G. Wells, which paints like a novel the romance of human events. \$4.

Autobiography

The Letters of Franklin K. Lane—edited by the Anne Wintermute Lane and Louise Herrick Wall. A remarkable record of one who died in public service and whose position in the war cabinet of President Wilson was a box seat to all the great events of the tragedy. \$5.

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JAIL FACES DRIVER MINUS NEW LICENSE

Arrest of Motorists Without 1923 Plates Scheduled to Start on January 1.

NO EXTENSION PROBABLE

Bureau Hopelessly Behind and Vehicle Owners Must Pay for Heedlessness.

Wholesale arrests of drivers of motor vehicles in New York city who attempt to operate private automobiles, taxicabs or trucks without 1923 license plates were predicted yesterday by Deputy Director John T. McNeill, in charge of the motor vehicle bureau of the State Tax Commission. Orders were sent from the office of the commission in Albany yesterday to arrest any one who attempts to operate an automobile on or after January 1 without a new license plate.

In anticipation of a rush for licenses, Director McNeill has opened six branch offices in New York city. Extra employees have been engaged, but the rush has failed to materialize and business, both at the main office and at the bureaus, virtually has been at a standstill.

"It is almost impossible to visualize the situation," Deputy McNeill said yesterday. "All classes of motor vehicle drivers have been criminally slow in applying for new licenses and even if the rush were to begin to-morrow it would be physically impossible for us to attend to every one. There apparently has been a widespread belief that the time for obtaining new license plates would be extended, but this is positively not the case. We shall begin making arrests on New Year's morning and the driver of any car found upon the streets without a 1923 license plate will find himself in trouble."

"It is impossible to give any figures, but the number of new licenses issued is negligible. It is far below the record for last year at this time."

The formal statement issued by the commission said: "The 1922 registrations of all motor vehicles in New York State will expire on December 31. This is the final notice given to the police officials by the Tax Commission. Bert Lord, director of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, points out that the department has been issuing licenses for more than a month, but the public has been very slow in responding."

According to estimates at the Albany office only about one-twentieth as many licenses for next year have been issued as was the case on the corresponding date last year. The figures in New York city are said to make a worse showing than this. It is Mr. Lord's belief that the impression has been general that an eleventh hour extension of time will be granted, as was sometimes the custom in past years. Nothing of the sort is contemplated, he says. There was no such extension last year, Mr. Lord points out.

Both the Police Department and the Sheriff's office will be asked to aid the State officials January 1 in the contemplated crusade against motor cars operating under 1922 licenses. It is unlikely that summonses will be served upon drivers and the present plan is actually to place them under arrest wherever found.

COST OF LIVING STILL

58.4 P. C. ABOVE 1914

Slight Increase Noted Between Oct. 15 and Nov. 15.

The cost of living among wage earners' families in the United States on November 15, 1922, was 58.4 per cent. higher than in July, 1914, according to the results of investigation just completed by the National Industrial Conference Board.

An increase of 1.5 points, or eight-tenths of 1 per cent., occurred between October 15 and November 15, 1922, brought about by continued increases in food, clothing and coal prices and higher rents. The average cost of sundries and of gas and electricity decreased.

Between July, 1920, when the peak of the rise in the cost of living since 1914 was reached, and November, 1922, the cost of living dropped 46.1 points, or 25.5 per cent.

The Board of Estimate has agreed to sit as a committee of the whole to hear this evidence.

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From the Writings of the Founder

The Writer Remembers Quite Well Charles Dickens'

reception in Philadelphia at Concert Hall, Chestnut above Twelfth, many years ago.

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Let us forget what we do not like and remember him for "Little Nell's" sake and for this verse attributed to him:

"The timid hand stretched forth to aid
A brother in his need;
The kindly word in grief's dark hour,
That proves a friend indeed;
The plea for mercy, softly breathed,
When justice threatens high;
The sorrow of a contrite heart—
These things must never die."

Christmas time is a good time to forget old differences, and prove it by something you can easily say or do. Don't think it over too long. Just do something that puts things right.

(Signed) John Wanamaker

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Normandy arm chair, covered in red flowered glazed chintz, \$90.

Queen Anne tub chair, covered in brown denim, \$160.

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